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THE PUNJAB DISTURBED AREAS ORDINANCE, 1983

No. 5 OF 1983

Promulgated by the President in the Thirty-fourth Year of the  
Republic of India.

An Ordinance to make better provision for the suppression of  
disorder and for the restoration and maintenance of public  
order in disturbed areas in Punjab.

WHEREAS by a Proclamation issued on the 6th day of October, 1983 by  
the President under article 356 of the Constitution the powers of the Legislature  
of the State of Punjab have been declared to be exercisable by or under the  
authority of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS Parliament is not in session and the President is satisfied  
that circumstances exist which render it necessary for him to take immediate  
action;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of  
article 123 of the Constitution and of all other powers enabling him in that  
behalf, the President is pleased to promulgate the following Ordinance:—

Short  
title,  
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ment.

1. (1) This Ordinance may be called the Punjab Disturbed Areas Ordinance, 1983.

(2) It extends to the whole of the State of Punjab.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

Definition.

2. In this Ordinance, "disturbed area" means an area which is for the time being declared by notification under section 3 to be a disturbed area.

Powers to  
declare  
areas to  
be dis-  
turbed  
areas.

3. The State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, declare that the whole or any part of any district of Punjab as may be specified in the notification is a disturbed area.

Power  
to fire  
upon  
persons  
contra-  
vening  
certain  
orders.

4. Any Magistrate or Police Officer not below the rank of Sub-Inspector or Havildar in case of the Armed Branch of the Police may, if he is of opinion that it is necessary so to do for the maintenance of public order, after giving such due warning, as he may consider necessary, fire upon, or otherwise use force, even to the causing of death, against any person who is acting in contravention of any law or order for the time being in force in the disturbed area, prohibiting the assembly of five or more persons or the carrying of weapons or of things capable of being used as weapons or of fire-arms, ammunition or explosive substances.

Powers to  
destroy  
arms  
dump,  
fortified  
positions,  
etc.

5. Any Magistrate or Police Officer not below the rank of a Sub-Inspector may, if he is of opinion that it is necessary so to do, destroy any arms dump, prepared or fortified position or shelter from which armed attacks are made or are likely to be made or are attempted to be made or any structure used as training camp for armed volunteers or utilized as a hideout by armed gangs or absconders wanted for any offence.

Protec-  
tion of  
persons  
acting  
under  
sections  
4 and 5.

6. No suit, prosecution or other legal proceedings shall be instituted except with the previous sanction of the State Government against any person in respect of anything done or purporting to be done in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 4 and 5.

ZAIL SINGH,  
*President.*

R. V. S. PERI SASTRI,  
*Secy. to the Govt. of India.*